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For: A METHOD FOR PERFORMING A HAZARD REVIEW AND SAFETY  
ANALYSIS OF A PRODUCT OR SYSTEM

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September 22, 2003

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for  
examination, please amend the application as follows: